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SUBJECT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS POLICY ON MARINE TRAINING AT
CANJUERS

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1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD APPRECIATE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY
OF TRAINING EXERCISE AND AGREE GOF SHOULD BE FOCAL POINT
OF PRESS INQUIRIES. IF ASKED ABOUT EXERCISE, HOWEVER,
WE DO FEEL OBLIGED TO SIMPLY CONFIRM ITS EXISTENCE BE-
FORE REFERRING PRESS QUERIES TO FRENCH EMBASSY HERE.
FRENCH EMBASSY AGREES.

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2. CONSEQUENTLY, FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE WILL BE USED
BY DEPARTMENT AND DOD SPOKESMEN ON "IF ASKED" BASIS.

Q: ARE US MARINES CONDUCTING A TRAINING EXERCISE AT
A FRENCH TRAINING AREA?

A: A SMALL NUMBER OF SIXTH FLEET US MARINE CORPS
PERSONNEL ARE NOW CONDUCTING A ROUTINE SCHEDULED
TRAINING EXERCISE IN FRANCE. I SUGGEST YOU CONTACT THE
FRENCH EMBASSY FOR FURTHER DETAILS. KISSINGER

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